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The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

On behalf of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), the clean air agency covering much of Southern California, I write to urge you to not revoke the Clean Air Act preemption waiver that U.S. EPA granted to California on July 8, 2009 for California's greenhouse gas emission standards on 2009 model year and later motor vehicles.

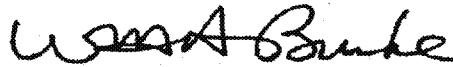
Significant strides have been made in California to reduce emissions from motor vehicles through the California Air Resources Board's mobile source regulations. As a result, a current model year vehicle today is approximately 99 percent less polluting compared to a vehicle manufactured a couple of decades ago. The preemption waiver has been a critical part of SCAQMD's effort to come into attainment for ozone and PM2.5 by our upcoming 2023 and 2031 deadlines. However, on-road and off-road mobile sources account for about 70% of ozone precursor emissions across California and close to 90% of all emissions in Southern California.

Because of the emissions generated by motor vehicles, advanced technology, such as plug-in hybrid electric vehicle technology capable of zero-emission transportation, is essential to achieve federal clean air standards. The only way we will be able to meet attainment is by adopting and implementing control measures that go beyond what the federal government has established. For instance, our recently adopted Air Quality Management Plan, the South Coast's contribution to California's State Implementation Plan, relies heavily on emission reduction benefits from mobile sources through state programs that are stricter than U.S. EPA's. If the waiver is rescinded, however, our entire five-year planning process may be upended and our ability to meet attainment will be in jeopardy.

For nearly five decades, there has been bipartisan support in Washington for U.S. EPA to waive preemption and allow California to establish standards to help its most polluted areas move closer to attainment. These waivers have promoted technological innovations and encouraged the development of a wide variety of businesses tied to clean technology. The waivers have also been critical in improving public health by achieving pollution reductions in some of the most polluted areas in the nation.

We urge you to keep the waiver, respect the conditions which justify it, and allow California to continue leading the way on clean air.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William A. Burke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" and last name "Burke" clearly legible.

William A. Burke, Ed.D.
Chairman of the Board

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